

IN RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK"

WHEREAS, the aging of America is placing new demands on long term care providers, and nursing home care is an integral part of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, today's nursing homes provide specialized services to both young and old, offering rehabilitative, subacute, personal, hospice and respite care; and

WHEREAS, today's nursing homes offer 24-hour medical nursing and psycho social care to individuals who are too frail or ill to live independently; and

WHEREAS, families, communities and individuals residing in nursing homes depend on long term care providers for support and education about how to meet their long term care needs; and

WHEREAS, members of the American Health Care Association and the Georgia Nursing Homes Association proudly sponsor National Nursing Home Week 2002 - "Caring is our Specialty" - and invite the citizens of Augusta to visit nursing facilities to benefit from the knowledge and experience of their staff, residents, family members and volunteers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12th– 18th, 2002 to be "NURSING HOME WEEK" in Augusta, Georgia and encourage our community's citizens to honor and serve the individuals who laid the foundations of Augusta by participating in this year's observance at one of our town's nursing facilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 10th day of May 2002.